

OPEN SESSION: There was one member of public present, who did not wish to speak.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RINGWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

Held on Wednesday 28th February 2018 at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Cllr Tim Ward, Town Mayor
Cllr Philip Day, Deputy Mayor
Cllr Andrew Briers
Cllr Hilary Edge
Cllr Jeremy Heron (*from 7.05pm*)
Cllr Darren Loose
Cllr Gloria O'Reilly
Cllr Tony Ring
Cllr Michael Thierry
Cllr Christopher Treleaven
Cllr Angela Wiseman

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Chris Wilkins, Town Clerk
Mrs Jo Hurd, Deputy Town Clerk
Student Advisors Katherine Grubb and Rachel Carr

C/6103 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Town Clerk reported that apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Ford, Murphy and Rippon-Swaine.

C/6104 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none declared at this time.

C/6105 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Meeting held on 31st January 2018, having been circulated, be approved and signed as a correct record.

C/6106 RECREATION, LEISURE AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

Cllr Briers presented the minutes of the Recreation, Leisure and Open Spaces Committee meeting held on 7th February 2018.

OS/5749: Members considered the recommendation that the Council procure tenders for the overhaul and/or replacement of worn out play equipment with a provisional budget of £40,000. It was noted there was an allocated Provision to cover this sum.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Recreation, Leisure and Open Spaces Committee meeting held on 7th February 2018 be received and the recommendation therein be approved.

**C/6107
PLANNING, TOWN & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

Cllr Treleaven presented the minutes of the Planning, Town & Environment Committee meeting held on 2nd February 2018.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning, Town & Environment Committee meeting held on 2nd February 2018 be received.

Cllr Heron joined the meeting at 7.05pm.

**C/6108
POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Cllr Heron presented the minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee meeting held on 21st February 2018.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee meeting held on 21st February 2018 be received.

**C/6109
APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS**

Members approved the list of payments from the Imprest account for January 2018, which had been omitted from the papers for the Policy & Finance Committee held on 21st February (*Annex A*). The following was noted:

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| 3002332 | Notice of termination had been given to Suez for the refuse collection at the Cemetery – in future skips would be used, which would result in a cost saving. |
| 3002298 | The cost of the Ringwood North by-election was high as the Town Council was required to bear the total cost, including printing and postage of poll cards. Cllr Heron had previously proposed that in future poll cards should not be issued for by-elections. General election costs would be less as the costs were shared. |
| 3002369 | The cost of telephony for Gateway includes the Town Council's share of the annual fee for the Hampshire Public Services Network (HPSN), which provides the internet connection for the building. It is not possible to renegotiate this fee as it is a requirement of the tri-party agreement for management of the building. |

RESOLVED: That the list of payments on the Imprest account, included in *Annex A*, be authorised. Cllrs Heron and Ward signed the report.

**C/6110
THE PLACE WORKING PARTY**

Following the resignation of Cllr Loose from The Place Working Party, there was a vacancy to fill.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Thierry be appointed to The Place Working Party.

**C/6111
COMMUNICATIONS TO BE RECEIVED**

The Town Mayor spoke of his disappointment in the poor state of repair of the roads and pavements in the town centre, and the missing barriers in Mansfield Road, despite having been promised on numerous occasions by Hampshire Highways that these issues would be dealt with. He was also concerned about other issues, such as the reinstatement of the

Bickerley Village Green, deterioration of the Old Town Hall, and lack of starter homes, all of which were outside of the Town Council's control. He said that the people who work so hard to make the Town great deserve more and better support from those bodies responsible.

C/6112

REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS AND STUDENT ADVISORS

Cllr Day reported that he had attended the RAF Ibsley Memorial Service with the Town Mayor; he had asked the Deputy Town Clerk to request that Keep Clear markings on the town roundabouts be repainted as they had worn away and were being ignored by drivers; and was disappointed that SSE had taken no further action to install a street light in Kings Arms Lane.

Cllr Treleaven reported on works still outstanding by Hampshire Highways on drainage and flooding issues in the Crow area; and that he had attended the Blashford and Plumley Wood Local Liaison Group meeting, which discussed the impact on local communities of the quarrying carried out by Tarmac.

Cllr Edge reported that a new Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) had been assigned to Poulner, and there were already reports that people felt safer.

Cllr O'Reilly reported that she had attended the Forest Forge AGM and the performance report had been very encouraging; she had also attended the Western Escarpment Conservation Area Steering Group meeting and an item relating to its proposed action plan had been included on the agenda for the Planning, Town & Environment Committee on 2nd March.

Cllr Ring said that Members should support the Town Mayor's sentiments spoken earlier in the meeting, and there was general agreement. He had attended the National Park Authority South West Quadrant meeting, and highlighted grants available for community projects. Following a successful fundraising event by the Twinning Association, another event had been organised for 20th April – further details would follow. He encouraged Members to complete the Local Policing Community Priorities survey. He clarified that all income raised from events had been collected and handed over to the Town Council.

Cllr Wiseman wished to thank Mr & Mrs Atack, who had voluntarily been collecting litter from the verges in Moortown Lane.

Rachel Carr reported that the Student Advisors very much appreciated the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk going in to the School the previous day and seeking their feedback and views on how the scheme could be improved. She asked if Students could complete the Policing Survey referred to earlier, and it was agreed to forward the link; this survey is open to all members of the community.

C/6113

REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

District Councillor Heron reported that the District Council had now set the Council Tax for 2018/19, at £1,693.78 for an average band D property, an increase of £90.06 (5.62%).

County Councillor Thierry said that he could not defend Hampshire County Council in their failings to deliver on the issues that had been raised earlier. He said that he shared the frustrations of other councillors and felt that Ringwood was not being served as well it might be. He recommended that Cllr Rob Humby, the Executive Member for Highways, be invited to attend a future Full Council meeting and that assurance should be sought that matters would be addressed, with a firm commitment to include items in work programmes. The Town

Mayor suggested that he be invited to attend a walkabout prior to the meeting, so that he could see the issues for himself.

C/6114
FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Planning, Town & Environment	10.00am	Friday 2 nd March 2018
Recreation, Leisure & Open Spaces	7.00pm	Wednesday 7 th March 2018
Policy & Finance	7.00pm	Wednesday 21 st March 2018
Full Council	7.00pm	Wednesday 28 th March 2018

There being no further business, the Town Mayor closed the meeting at 7.47pm.

APPROVED
28th March 2018

TOWN MAYOR

POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE 21ST FEBRUARY 2018

**LIST OF PAYMENTS FROM IMPREST BANK ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD 1ST TO 31ST JANUARY 2018**

Date	Trans No	Details	Budget	Comm	Description	Amount £
Jan						
2018-01-03	3002292	Peter Street	S&S	Plan	Rod Lane/Crow Lane works - Ballast & cement	154.88
2018-01-15	3002331	Pete Best	Premis	Cem	Yew Tree Gardens - Tree works	720.00
2018-01-15	3002338	Pete Best	Premis	Cem	Cemetery - Reduce 2 x Lawson Cypress firs	200.00
2018-01-15	3002248	Screwfix	Premis	Cem	Cemetery - Fluorescent starter for light	3.69
2018-01-15	3002239	Raie Frederick	S&S	P&F	Firework Event - Black bin	7.50
2018-01-15	3002334	MacMillan	S&S	P&F	Donation from Town Mayor	50.00
2018-01-15	3002335	Marie Curie	S&S	P&F	Donation from Town Mayor	50.00
2018-01-15	3002350	Rotary Club of Rwd	S&S	P&F	Grant - Christmas Eve Event in Market Square	150.00
2018-01-15	3002296	Forest Edge Elec Servs	Premis	R&L	Carvers Sheds - Replace weatherproof light	108.00
2018-01-15	3002295	Forest Edge Elec Servs	Premis	P&F	Greenways - Replace external light	110.00
2018-01-15	3002332	Suez	S&S	Cem	Cemetery - Refuse collection	690.73
2018-01-15	3002340	Lamps & Tubes	S&S	P&F	Christmas - Lights, tree and repairs	10,687.02
2018-01-15	3002330	Greenham	Premis	Cem	Cemetery - Large key safe cabinet	105.01
2018-01-15	3002346	Peter Noble	Trans	R&L	Roller mower - Swing blades	97.24
2018-01-15	3002347	Peter Noble	S&S	Allots	UK Allotments - Welding lock	72.00
2018-01-15	3002321	Hampshire C.C.	S&S	P&F	Gateway - Stationery and cleaning	43.99
2018-01-16	3002366	Hampshire C.C.	Trans	R&L	Ford Transit - Maintenance Dec 2017	75.60
2018-01-15	3002329	Elliott Brothers Ltd	Premis	R&L	Hightown Road footpath - Screws/postfix/brack.	42.45
2018-01-15	3002290	SSE Contracting	S&S	Plan	Carvers - Lights maintenance	153.94
2018-01-15	3002298	New Forest D.C.	S&S	P&F	Election expenses - North Ward Sept 2017	6,479.49
2018-01-15	3002322	New Forest D.C.	S&S	P&F	Gateway courtyard - Pest control	55.00
2018-01-15	3002326	New Forest D.C.	Premis	R&L	Open Spaces - Dog bin empty. 6 Monthly Chg.	496.85
2018-01-15	3002327	New Forest D.C.	S&S	Plan	Adshell bus shelters - Misc. agreements	10.00
2018-01-15	3002294	Central Southern Sec	Premis	R&L	Carvers sheds - Supply new 8 zone expander	62.40
2018-01-15	3002316	SLCC	S&S	P&F	Membership - Town Clerk	300.00
2018-01-15	3002324	Purchase Power	S&S	P&F	Gateway - Franking machine Postage & admin fee	549.04
2018-01-15	3002333	Little Banks Nursery	Premis	R&L	Open Spaces - Winter planting & compost	1,057.00
2018-01-15	3002325	Itec	S&S	P&F	Gateway- Photocopying - Nov 2017	103.94
2018-01-15	3002345	Itec	S&S	P&F	Gateway- Photocopying - Dec 2017	48.88
2018-01-15	3002348	Central Comp Manag.	S&S	P&F	Payroll processing - 01/01/18-31/03/18	279.69
2018-01-15	3002328	Ringwood Fire & Sec	S&S	P&F	Greenways - Maintenance of fire alarm	180.00
2018-01-15	3002323	Water2Business	Premis	R&L	Mount Pleasant (1) - Adjusted sewerage charges	117.30
2018-01-15	3002319	Sara Dunning	S&S	P&F	Christmas Event - Dressing of Santa Grotto	263.01
2018-01-15	3002320	Sara Dunning	S&S	P&F	Christmas Event - Hire of sleigh	20.00
2018-01-16	3002370	R M Smith Fencing	Premis	R&L	Kick Park - Fencing	300.00
2018-01-16	3002365	Hampshire C.C.	S&S	P&F	Gateway - Stationery and cleaning	97.33
2018-01-15	3002344	Hampshire C.C.	Trans	R&L	Ford Transit - Maintenance Sept 2017	75.60
2018-01-16	3002379	TLC Online	S&S	P&F	Gateway - Compliment slips	37.10
2018-01-16	3002369	New Forest D.C.	S&S	P&F	Gateway - Telephone recharges	9,720.00
2018-01-16	3002349	Aivly Country Stores	Premis	R&L	War Memorial Gardens - Chlorine	18.85
2018-01-16	3002374	Screwfix	Premis	R&L	Town Roundabout - Weed control and hooks	51.87
2018-01-16	3002382	Central Southern Sec.	Premis	R&L	Carvers - Service call	54.00
2018-01-16	3002376	SLCC	Employ	P&F	Gateway - Regional seminar	82.80
2018-01-16	3002377	SLCC	S&S	P&F	Gateway - Speed read books	11.82
2018-01-16	3002378	SLCC	Employ	P&F	Gateway - National conference	378.00
2018-01-16	3002362	Eco Sustain. Solutions	Premis	R&L	Town Roundabout - Super soil	36.07
2018-01-16	3002363	Eco Sustain. Solutions	Premis	R&L	Town Roundabout - Super soil	149.12
2018-01-16	3002371	Rwd & Fbridge Skip	S&S	Plan	Crow Lane - Green waste	276.00
2018-01-16	3002372	Rwd & Fbridge Skip	S&S	Plan	Crow Lane - Green waste	216.00
2018-01-16	3002368	Lisa Austin	Employ	P&F	Gateway - Eye Test (LS)	13.00

AUTHORISATIONS

DATE

28th February 2018

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